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**Dated:** June 27, 2006

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
**TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 27, 2005, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-111 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for three months:  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
3. ☐ A fee in the amount of \$500.00 is:  
☐ Required.  
☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).

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4. ☒ Applicant has qualified for the 50% reduction in fee for an independent inventor, non-profit organization or small business concern and a fee in the amount of \$250 is:

- ☒ Required.  
☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).

5. ☒ Please charge the required fee, if any, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6. ☐ A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is filed herewith.

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